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Re: *In the Matter of Hacienda La Puente Unified School District,*
 FCC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Ms. Diskin:

Thank you for meeting on Wednesday with Scott Strauss, Tony Lin and me. We appreciate the opportunity to explain Hacienda's position and to address your questions concerning the School District's request for review.

During our meeting, you inquired as to whether GTE provides ATM services to others. We asked your question to Rod Spriggs, GTE Senior Account Manager for Hacienda. He indicated that GTE currently provides ATM services to many other customers, including schools and others, throughout the country. Attached is a list of GTE's ATM service customers that Mr. Spriggs provided.

A question also arose concerning the cost of the ATM services purchased by Hacienda. We understand from Mr. Spriggs that the charges incurred by Hacienda are at least comparable (if not more favorable) than the charges incurred by other GTE customers who are receiving similar ATM services.

Finally, we were asked whether Hacienda is receiving ATM service and had in fact paid GTE for service. We subsequently confirmed the understanding we expressed that Hacienda is receiving ATM service and *has* paid for the service using funds from the School District's general fund. In this context, and in the event Hacienda's appeal were granted, Hacienda would need a waiver of the requirements associated with the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form, FCC Form 472.

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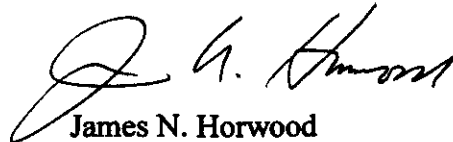
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We hope that this letter addresses those questions remaining after Wednesday's meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have other questions.

A copy of this letter (including the attachment) is being filed with the Secretary of the Commission in the above-referenced proceeding.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. N. Horwood", written in a cursive style.

James N. Horwood
Counsel for Hacienda La Puente Unified
School District

Enclosure

cc: Irene Flannery
(w/encl.)



References

ATM

GTE Network Services has been providing ATM, Frame Relay, SMDS and WAN services to a variety of customers from Hawaii to the eastern seaboard for more than five years. The national support and provisioning center for all of GTE's broadband services is headquartered at the west end of the San Fernando Valley in Newbury Park. This same center also supports the national broadband deployment, which includes networks for the following entities:

- SEPoSCR (South Eastern Partnership of Super Computing Resources) <http://www.sura.org/sepscor.html>,
<http://www.cns.uky.edu/SEPSCoR/netmap.html>
- Virginia Vision Alliance
- North Carolina Information Highway
- State of Florida
- City of Oceanside
- State of California, Department of Transportation
- TeraGlobal Communications, San Diego

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Customer: SEPoSCR (South Eastern Partnership of Super Computing Resources)
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Virginia Vision Alliance

The Virginia Vision Alliance, now known as Network Virginia, is a statewide ATM network connecting approximately 250 sites with ATM speeds ranging from DS-1 through DS-3. A consortium of telephone service providers including GTE, Bell Atlantic and other organizations designed and deployed the network for Virginia Tech, the lead organization for Network Virginia. GTE provides DS-3 ATM services to fourteen locations and DS-1 ATM services to 39 locations as part of the network.

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North Carolina Information Highway

The North Carolina Information Highway (NCIH) was the first large scale ATM network deployed in the United States. The NCIH provides ATM service connectivity to approximately 165 locations throughout North Carolina. The majority of sites are connected at OC-3 speeds with a small number of sites connected at DS-1 speeds. GTE, as a subcontractor to Bell South, provides OC-3 ATM connectivity to thirteen locations.

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Service: ATM Network

Customer: City of Oceanside
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Service: ATM Backbone Network

Customer: State of California, Department of Transportation (Cal
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Customer: TeraGlobal Communications, San Diego
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Customer: Moreno Valley Unified School District
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